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THE FABLE OF
THE BOASTFUL CAT

In the morning, Little Cat, janitor of the Busy Barrel Lodging House ejects the guests by pounding upon the sides of the dwelling with a club. At the sound of his taps, a host of denizens of animalland make hasty exits. Last in the parade of roomers comes Big Cat dressed as a prize fighter. Little Cat admires his physique and follows the athlete as he struts proudly away. To prove his "toughness", Big Cat hands a revolver to Little Cat and says, "Shoot Me". The little fellow fires and immediately the brave one takes a bullet out of his mouth, none the worse for the test. As Big Cat juggles gigantic dumbbells, a quartet of large beasts view the exhibition with wonderment. Soon Big Cat walks away with the beasts following. When he looks back and shakes his fist they all register fright and scamper away into the distance. Big Cat hurls a brick at a dwelling and immediately Wee Mouse comes out to see what caused the accident. He goes over to Big Cat and demands an explanation. The strong chap knocks the little rodent right into the air and he lands back into his house. A host of mice come out of the house to avenge the insult. As fast as the rodents approach him Big Cat fells them with his blows. Soon the mice give up the fight and Big Cat boasts to Little Cat "I Can Lick Anyone in Town!" Continuing on their wanderings the pair come upon two dogs and Big Cat teases them. Next, Big and Little Cat engage in a few rounds of boxing. Big Dog sees them and calls "Take A Fellow Your Own Size". As the fighters approach a fence Big Dog steps out before them and then successively other dogs step from behind him. The cats make a quick exit. A little later, Big Cat rests against a tree stump. Little Cat jumps into the stump and then hits his boastful companion on the head with a club. Big Cat cannot locate his opponent as Little Cat continues to belabor him and then hide in the stump. The small fellow places a glove on Big Cat's tail as it coils around the stump. The boaster sees the glove and fights it, around and around the tree. He is given a knock-out blow by his own tail. As he revives, Little Cat jumps out and Big Cat claims "I Just Knocked A Guy Silly!" Now Big Cat brags "I Can Lick Anyone In The State". Little Cat sees a tail sticking out of a hole in the fence so he puts a glove on it. Then he tells Big Cat, who is shadow boxing against the Pyramids, that the fellow he licked wants some more. "I Can Lick Anyone In The World" boasts the fighting cat. Then he goes after the projecting glove. The owner of the appendage happens to be a giant dog and he comes after Big Cat with vim. A lively chase ensues and concludes with a battle in one of the Pyramids. The dog is a match for Big Cat who is swathed in bandages and walking with crutches when he again greets his cat companion. When Little Cat inquires how he happened to get licked Big Cat confesses that he took in too much territory.

From this Fable we learn: "It Is Never Wise To Be Too Boastful."

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